

Boyfriend Sobs: 'Best Girl I've Ever Known'

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"She was the best girl I have ever known."

With tears streaming down his checks, Jerome Circo, a 19-year-old sophomore at Chico State College, told the story of his friendship with Carolyn Martin, a shapely coed who was found strangled in her Oakland home.

"We weren't engaged," he sobbed. "We hadn't known each other long enough to make any plans like that."

Circo, a tall handsome youth who lives at 205 John Gildi Ave., Antioch, met Carolyn, 18, last

September when she entered Chico State as a sophomore transfer student from Oakland City College.

They began dating and soon were going steady.

He said they completed their mid-year final examinations Tuesday and left for Oakland about 4 p.m. in his car. They arrived at her home at 1140 Ashmount Ave., at 7:15 p.m.

Circo said Carolyn's younger sister, Susan, 16, was the only one at home Tuesday evening. He left Carolyn there and drove to his own home in Antioch.

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The biggest crowd pleaser in Chico nowadays is the Circo Bros. Circus, an uncommon spectacle that defies the usual daring, aerial stunts.

The "circus" is the property of Chico State, and the components are twin brothers from Antioch — Gerald and Jerome Circo.

Gerald is the quarterback on Chico State's varsity and unlike most quarterbacks he prefers to run with the ball instead of throwing it.

Jerome, a fullback, thinks like Gerald, and together the identical pair has made the Wildcats into a running power.

The juniors, who have started most of Chico's four games to date, are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Circo, 205 John Gildi, Antioch.

They've played all sports together since their youth and have confused more than one announcer into saying "tackle by Circo," or "Circo's free throw was good."

In fact, there was a time during basketball season at Mt. Diablo High, where the brothers attended, when an opposing coach swore up and down that he was being made the victim of some devious tactics.

It seems that Gerald was on the junior varsity team. Short of a suit, he had to wear varsity member Jerome's for the preliminary game. When it was time for the varsity game, out onto the court comes "this same" Circo, or so the other

coach complained.

It took a long time to convince the flustered coach that he was being victimized only by his own double vision. This is Mrs. Circo's favorite story of the many funny incidents which have happened to the twins.

Jerome hurt a shoulder during his senior year at Mt. Diablo and had it wired the following spring. Because of the injury, he couldn't play baseball, marking the first time that the boys were separated in sports.

However, they reunited on Chico's freshman team. Jerome's shoulder was reinjured as a sophomore, forcing him out for the season.

"Jerome was our top fullback last year, until the shoulder problem," said Coach George Maderos, former Chico and San Francisco 49er star.

"He's recovered now and his slashing power and adequate speed has made him hard to stop. He's even more effective on defense."

It was on defense that Gerald first caught Maderos' eye, mainly because an All - Far Western Conference Quarterback held down the offensive job — George Calkins.

With Calkins graduated, Gerald moved in and has done a good job as signal barker.

"We've never been concerned with Gerald's ability to run the ball. If he can continue to improve on his passing our quarterback problem would be solved," said Maderos.

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